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Mr. Dallas McLendon

Public 35, Oklahoma

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Dear Mr. McLendon:

During the first week of April 1962 we will begin our new unit "A Comparative Study of American Ideals and Communism" in 10th grade United States History. This unit has been developed to help our students understand and appreciate our American ideals and to help them understand doctrines and practices of Russian communism which threaten our way of life.

As one of the basic references for this unit we are using Masters of Deceit by J. Edgar Hoover. I recall that you co-ordinated a successful project among civic clubs to furnish each 1961 graduating senior with a copy of this book. Since we will be using this book in the 10th grade do you think some of the clubs may be interested in supplying a copy for each 10th grade student? Four thousand (4,000) copies are needed. Our plans are to acquire enough copies, if possible, so each student may have one in his possession during the duration of the unit, and then return it for use in succeeding years.

I shall appreciate your reaction.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCharen

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Supervisor of Social Studies

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GIFT MOST BEWARDING

Letter To Tulsa

The week-end the Tulsa "Masters of Deceit" book was given to many grade school children in Tulsa. This gift was not only a valuable educational and interesting but most bewarding.

It is a reward for the first time since the end of the war, the many thousands of the Civil War soldiers who were killed, the freedom for the large membership in the United States, and now I am an American and student of the book. It is a gift of knowledge from the past to the future.

Only through the knowledge of the past are we fighting against, and for, our American future. The victory is to be achieved by the future to become a reality in our free society.

Donna Maklroy

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The above letter was published in the People's Forum of the Tulsa Tribune on January 17, 1962. It is a portion of a letter written by Miss Donna Maklroy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Maklroy, [redacted] Pl., Tulsa, Oklahoma. Donna is a freshman student at Oklahoma State University and was one of the 3,403 Tulsa high school graduating seniors of May, 1961, who received a copy of J. Edgar Hoover's book "Masters of Deceit" as a present from eighteen civic, fraternal, and service organizations along with our fine Tulsa firm and a number of individual Tulsans.

This letter is abundant proof that well informed youth will resist the false promises and empty promises of Communism. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ADULTS IS TO PROVIDE THE TRUTH ABOUT COMMUNISM FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AS DEDICATED AMERICAN TULSANS, CHERISHING OUR FREEDOMS, THIS WE CAN AND WILL DO BY PROVIDING THOUSANDS OF COPIES OF "MASTERS OF DECEIT" FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. HOW MANY OF THESE BOOKS WILL YOU DEDICATE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TULSA?

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Mr. Delmas McClendon
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Tulsa 35, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

In response to our phone conversation of December 28, 1961, I submit a firm quote for the paperback MASTERS OF DECEIT to be delivered to Education Service Center by March 15, 1962 for a price of retail less 20% less 10%, which is a net price to you of 36¢ per copy.

This quote is banding upon your compliance with these qualifications.

- (A) A purchase of not less than 4,000 copies
- (B) Books are to be purchased with understanding they will be used by Students.
- (C) Payment for books to be made within 10 days of delivery of books.

The Oklahoma News Company is happy to participate in your fine project to the extent of this special discount. If we may be of further service please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,


S. E. White

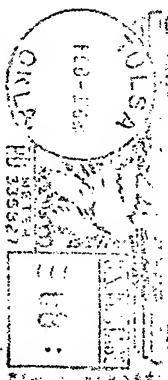
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-6546)

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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
National Anti-Communist
Leadership School,
1/29-2/2/62, Tulsa, Okla.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached to this Memorandum is an Open Letter to "The Principal Officer of each of Tulsa's Civic, Fraternal, or Service Organization" dated 1/31/62, signed DELMAS B. MC CLENDON. This letter was received by mail at the Tulsa RA on 2/1/62 and is apparently from DELMAS B. MC CLENDON. There are 4 enclosures to the letter.

It is suggested that [REDACTED]
the attachments filed in captioned file.

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OPEN LETTER TO:

THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF EACH OF TULSA'S CIVIC, FRATERNAL, OR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

If you are not currently the principal officer of your organization, please forward this letter to him or her. This letter contains details concerning what undoubtedly will be one of your greatest opportunities to serve your country this year.

This is your opportunity: to help underwrite a project to place 10,000 copies of J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" on every level of education in Tulsa's secondary schools. This appeal is being made to you as well as 79 other organizations, and I believe all of you will respond to carry out what Mr. Hoover recently described: "Under the American system, local community action is fundamental. On this basic level, the private citizen, individually and through his civic, labor, religious, educational and similar organizations, acts to influence the life of the entire nation."

A similar project was successfully underwritten last May. I made an appeal to several organizations; through the response of 18 of them and several individuals, all Tulsa graduating high school seniors were presented a gift of "Masters of Deceit." You will find enclosed a copy of Mr. Hoover's letter giving his reaction and, also, a copy of Miss Donna McElroy's letter, graphically describing the benefits she received from the gift of the book.

In an enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Kenneth McCharen, Supervisor of Social Studies, Tulsa Public Schools, he describes how many of the books of our current project will be used as reference material for a new unit of instruction, "A Comparative Study of American Ideals and Communism." The other books will be available for general use of the schools.

Let Mr. Hoover himself present the necessity for alerting our youth. I quote from the first paragraph of his report, "Communist Target-Youth," his analysis of the Communist inspired rioting of youth at the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings, San Francisco, May 12-14, 1960: "The successful Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world today are a major challenge which free world forces must meet and defeat. Recent world events clearly reveal that world communism has launched a massive campaign to capture and maneuver youth and student groups. The vigor and vitality of such groups constitute an explosive force of immense proportions. Channeled into proper outlets, this force can accomplish immeasurable good for a peace-loving world. Manipulated into destructive channels, this force can create chaos."

I rest my entire appeal for placing the books in the public schools with the concluding words of Mr. Hoover's report: "All our hopes for the future of our country, as well as for a world at peace, are bound up with our hopes for the future of our Nation's youth. They will not fail us if we do not fail them. Only our apathy and laxity in the face of the threat which Communist infiltration efforts represent can cause such a failure. It is the duty of all Americans to fully understand the true import of this threat to our heritage, to expose it, and to combat it with every weapon at our command."

Now, if each of the 80 organizations to which I appeal pledge on a "SHOULD, CAN, MUST" BASIS, this project will be oversubscribed. A special price quotation of Oklahoma News Company is enclosed. The books are \$.36 each. Write your pledge or mail your check payable to Oklahoma News Company to me, D. B. McClendon, c/o Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, 624 South Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, so I can coordinate this project. DO THIS BEFORE MARCH 1 so the books can be ordered in time for delivery by March 15th. If each of you will respond to this OPPORTUNITY, your example here in Tulsa will sweep across the nation for all other communities to emulate. LET'S START A WILDFIRE AGAINST THIS EVIL CONSPIRACY TO ENSLAVE ALL MANKIND, remembering that all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men TO DO NOTHING.

Sincerely yours,

Delmas B. McClendon

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b7C [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Tulsa RA on 1/30/62 and advised he was a friend of SAC ED MASON, Cincinnati Office and a friend of some of the "boys" on the 5th floor in Washington. He said he was staying at the Mayo Hotel, [REDACTED] at the BILLY HARGIS meeting. He advised the tickets to this meeting cost \$100 each but if any of the agents were interested or needed a ticket to contact him and he would arrange to make the tickets available without any charge.

[REDACTED] re-contacted the Tulsa RA telephonically on 2/1/62 and advised CARTER PITTMAN, an attorney from Georgia who talked at the meeting got off on a tangent regarding the segregation issue while HARGIS was out of the room. HARGIS later got up and went on record as being opposed to some of the comments made. [REDACTED] said PITTMAN is an important figure in both the State and National Bar Associations and an attorney on the Citizens Committee.

[REDACTED] further advised there was an unidentified person representing the Nation Magazine who was taking copious notes on what was being said. He also advised the press was trying to find out any anti semitism.

The above is furnished for your information.

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Ex-Red Claims Education Should Fight Communism

American schools should teach "against" communism, a former top U.S. Communist said here Tuesday.

Miss Barbara Hartle, onetime secretary of the northwest district in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, said the course should be truthful but not objective.

"I am not in favor of letting young people decide," she said, adding that at a young age students are not capable of looking at the issue objectively and coming to understanding of what communism is.

Miss Hartle, who will address Evangelist Billy James Hargis' Anti-Communist Leadership School Thursday, had company on the subject among speakers at the school Tuesday.

In a speech Tuesday night, retired Brig. Gen. William P. Campbell of Searcy, Ark., said Americans should "study and obtain an understanding of communism" as well as the American way of life.

Urges Education

He also urged that children be given an understanding of communism "and how the Reds work to attract youth."

Earlier, Dr. R. P. Oliver of the University of Illinois charged that "courses on contemporary problems usually are sheer, pure, unadulterated communism with a little polish on the surface."

Hargis, who heads the Christian Crusade sponsoring the school, called for the resignation of Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy because he has not prosecuted Communists on grounds they have failed to register as required by law.

"He has not hesitated to prosecute southerners on the question of integration, but he will not prosecute 10,000 known Communists in this country," Hargis said.

preparation for a career as a writer."

After studying Marx, she looked up the Socialist Party in Spokane, Wash., where she was contacted by Communists who were recruiting socialists to prepare material for the party.

She was given literature written by Lenin, Marx, Stalin and

other Communist leaders. Miss Hartle said she was reluctant about joining the party so she was signed up for a front organization called the Friends of the Soviet Union. This was during the drive for the U.S. to recognize the USSR in 1932.

After a year of this activity, See REDS on Page 30.

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Miss Hartle said she believes the ruling requiring Communist party members to register as agents of a foreign power has chased the party underground.

Won't Destroy Party

She said the ruling will make it hard for the party to recruit members and to get funds to carry on its work, but will not destroy it.

"To outlaw the party is to chase it underground, it should be eliminated," she said.

The Communist party, Miss Hartle said, wants very strenuously to be legal and at the same time reserve for itself the right to operate underground illegally.

She said the Communists have been successful in the U.S. in creating an opinion that to oppose communism is, at the same time, an attack on the Constitution, labor unions, and the possibility of having peace in the world.

"They have succeeded in convincing the general public that opposing communism will lead to fascism and dictatorships," she said.

Tells of Past

Miss Hartle told how, as a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Washington State University and a college conservative, she moved into the Communist party.

"I got into it to begin with through intellectual curiosity," she said. "I came across a copy of Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* to get all sides of the picture in

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the Communists insisted she join the party if she was sincere and not working in the front organization for the FBI or other anti-Communist organizations.

Joined Reds in 1933

Miss Hartle joined the party in the winter of 1933-34. She did not sever all ties with the party until the spring of 1954 when she went to the FBI office in Seattle to tell about party activities.

She said the Communists practice "mental enslavement" on their members to make them feel they are deserters if they begin to feel they are no longer in agreement with party programs.

"This is not a political catchword," she said, "but a fact."

Although her actual break with the party was some years away, Miss Hartle began to have doubts at the time of the Hitler-Stalin pact during the early stages of World War II, she said.

The party had always criticized the U.S. government, but during this period its anti-American work picked up heavily blaming the U.S. and Great Britain for the pact with Russia, thus forcing the Soviets into a "temporary non-aggression pact with Hitler" for time to prepare defenses.

At this time, it began to dawn on her that the party was not interested in raising the standard

of living of the working man in the U.S. (which was low in the pre-war days) but was allied with the USSR.

But this was healed by the German invasion of Russia and did not pick up again until the Korean war broke out. "This sudden and ferocious attack on U.S. soldiers (branding the U.S. the aggressor in Korea and saying American soldiers would become beasts like the Nazis) and the charges of germ warfare, spelled the end for many Americans in the Communist party," she said.

"It was one thing to be a protestant, but when it came to being a traitor I got shaky," Miss Hartle said.

This anti-American form taken by the party and the subsequent prosecution of party members took a heavy toll in party membership and funds, Miss Hartle said.

She was arrested in 1952 for violation of the Smith Act in advocating the violent overthrow of the American government, and it was at this time she decided to quit the party.

She later abandoned an appeal and entered prison at Alderson, W. Va., to serve the minimum 20 months on a 5-year sentence. Before entering prison, she testified before congressional hearings and again after she was released.

Several threats have been made on her life by the party, she said, but no serious attempt has been made to actually kill her.

Former Air Ace Urges Income Tax Repeal

"Where are the super-patriots and right-wing extremists?" One of America's most famous warriors asked Tuesday night at an anti-communist rally at which he called for repeal of the income tax law, renewal of state's rights, U.S. withdrawal from the UN and a fight for freedom.

World War I air ace Eddie Rickenbacker, speaking at Tulsa Municipal Theater, told his listeners to "fight and die before the final enslavement."

Rickenbacker's appearance on a program called "Survival U.S.A." carried the Christian Crusade's anti-communist movement to the public.

Earlier in the day, a greying, former Communist who was drummed out of party leadership in the U.S. by Stalin, accused President Kennedy of being ignorant of the internal threat by the Reds and said the attack on the right wing in this country is an effort to soften opposition to appeasement.

Benjamin Gitlow, 70, a 1903 Socialist who helped form the U.S. Communist Party in Chicago in 1919, said in an interview at the Mayo Hotel that for the past few years he has voted Republican.

Yes and No on Birch

Gitlow, who lectures to the students in the anti-Communist school, called some statements by the John Birch Society's Robert Welsh "stupid." He defended the Birch Society's leader's right to call for Chief Justice Earl Warren's impeachment. "Any American could, but he should be specific on why," Gitlow, now a grandfather in retirement at Compond, New York, said.

Rickenbacker, now chairman of the board of Eastern Airlines, took a stern look at the foreign and domestic picture and said "from all indications we are heading toward an ultimate surrender. Khrushchev isn't trying to lull us to sleep — we are asleep. The Reds know they can defeat us through our slice by slice surrender via negotiations."

"What on earth is there left to negotiate except our complete surrender?" he said.

Warns of Danger

Rickenbacker proposed "defensive aggression" — as we did in World Wars I and II and in Korea.

"If we cringe in fear before the threat of a nuclear war, if we mollify the most evil force ever

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to come upon this earth, people of all the world shall sink into slavery," the aging ace said.

He said the cold war is a hot war and "we are losing it because we refuse to admit we are in it."

The liberals, he said, have controlled our foreign policy for the purpose of establishing liberalism as the dominant theme of the federal government since the U.S. recognized Russia in the 1930s.

Power concentrated in Washington, through the taxing power of the 16th amendment, he said, makes the Communist task easy. "They would have a tough time of it if they had to infiltrate and subvert 50 sovereign states. That might lead to battles in the streets, and the Communists are not interested in acquiring possession of a pile of rubble," he said.

Blames UN

The U.S. failed in Cuba because of fear of UN action. "There is no such thing as world opinion. Let's get out of the United Nations and regain control of our own foreign policy and national solvency."

Rickenbacker, who said he had not been in Tulsa in 51 years took a few moments before delivering his speech to pin his note cards to the lectern so they would not slip.

A roar of applause sounded when he said he did not care whether "you are Democrat, Republican, or Independent—so long as you are not a liberal Socialist."

Moments later, applause thundered again when he said he was not a member of the armed services or the Peace Corps and that his remarks had not been "approved by an office boy and cleared through the chain of command" and including the President."

Praised MacArthur

Applause interrupted his statement that "had our government let MacArthur win the war, we would not have the Russian and Chinese Reds on our doorstep only 90 miles away."

The estimated 1,000 people in the audience heard Rickenbacker refer to India's Nehru as that "peace-loving hypocrite—and I might add blackmailer."

"We need a Teddy Roosevelt—or a man with the conviction our way of life," he added amid a din of approval.

Rickenbacker praised the late Sen. McCarthy, saying "some day a monument will be raised to this man who ferreted out pseudo Americans, those who would destroy us. An applause meter undoubtedly would have registered its highest mark of the evening on the "monument" portion of the comment.

'Amen, Brother'

Rickenbacker said "We are all going to die some day. Why not for a good cause?" he asked. The comment drew a loud "amen, brother."

Gitlow, who says he now backs Arizona's Sen. Goldwater, "but not all the way," said some statements by right-wingers might be dangerous and might be playing into communist hands in that unsupported statements might divide the people.

"This is a time for constructive, sincere criticism," he added in urging the right wing to speak out. He added a note of caution, however: "Don't be careless and don't use loose language."

"A double standard exists today—against anti-communism and in favor of communism," he said.

"Attacks on the right wing are not justified. It is part of a Communist stepup all over the world. Such attacks prepare the way for the political movement of negotiation with Khrushchev."

"Many are disgusted over the prospects of appeasement of the Communists. I am not alone in the belief that people must hold a hard line against Communists."

250,000 Reds

"How can the administration say there is no internal danger with all the things that have happened in Latin America, Asia and Africa? The government says there are 10,000 members of the party in this country, but those are only the most trusted ones, the actual leaders. All others are outside," he said. He placed the active Communist figure at 250,000, including the "strongly disciplined soldiers" and the ones "who believe the philosophy and support it financially and politically although they drop out at a rate of 25 per cent a year because they can't take the discipline."

"There is no way to separate the internal and external efforts of the communists."

"Back when I was in the party, dues took care of the general operation, but special things were subsidized by the Soviet. Money came from there when we started a publication or had a special project. They sent \$35,000 to start the Daily Worker. Money came \$100,000 at a time to fight John L. Lewis and his anti-Communist drive among the miners. More money came for anti-imperialist work—and this was in the 20s," he said, showing surprise that people nowadays think the movement is new.

"In the early 20s we formed a committee for anti-imperialist work. We sent agents into all the Latin countries. They were to build cadres to promote anti-imperialist agitation. It paid off. Cuba is a result," he said.

Gitlow now rejects the Bolshevik notion that the dictatorship of the proletariat will fade away. He calls for strong democratic action, acceleration of informed political ideas, and more knowledge about the communists in this country.

He rapped U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy's "minimizing of the internal danger. He never cites anything to support this. J. Edgar Hoover, who has been in this thing a long time, has the information. He (Kennedy) needs a complete statement from J. Edgar Hoover," including release of the names of communists.

In his speech to the anti-Communist students, Gitlow also took a strong stand against appeasement and urged a revolution for liberty.

"Why don't they (members of the administration) investigate the right wing? It has been asked for," he said.

Christian Crusade officials said 178 persons had enrolled to attend the school and that 15 to 20 per cent of the total was from Tulsa.

Anti-Communism School Draws 'Pupils' From Afar

By BILL SAMPSON

College students, housewives, farmers, ministers, and businessmen are attending the Christian Crusade anti-communist leadership school here.

Most of them have come from states other than Oklahoma but some are from Tulsa. Many had never met Evangelist Billy James Hargis, Crusade director, before coming here.

All appear genuinely concerned that communism is an imminent menace to the security of the United States. Many have become concerned only recently.

They have selected Hargis' school here to learn about the anti-communist "uprising" they believe is sweeping the nation. Some have come to distribute information as well as obtain it.

None considers himself a "sucker" falling for a money-making pitch. They believe in Hargis' efforts with much sincerity.

THE SPEAKERS, OR "FACULTY," are more fervent in their anti-communism than those simply attending the five-day school, for which the tuition fee is \$100.

Those from distant cities believe the experience is worth the cost and weren't reluctant to pay the fee.

Only three of 10 persons asked for interviews and permission to be photographed by The Tribune declined. The others, selected at random from about 100 persons shortly before the afternoon session convened Tuesday, came from a surprisingly large cross-section of life.

They were asked why they are attending the school and what attracted them to it. Here are their answers:

MRS. A. J. HULSE, 1426 E. 49th St., housewife:

"I believe an individual can help educate people he knows if he really has some facts and reliable information about communism and how to fight it.

"I became interested in anti-communism a short time ago in Fort Smith. Anti-communist seminars there attract crowds of 1,000 or more. I believe they are more interested in it there than in Tulsa.

"When I lived there, everyone I knew was vitally interested in fighting communism. In Tulsa, hardly anyone I know is interested."

GUSTAV M. NEUMANN, 23, Hillsdale, Ill., farmer:

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"I want to know how to contact more people about the menace of communism. I'm being drafted into the Army next month and I came to this conference to get knowledge to refute a lot of liberal philosophy I expect to hear while I'm in the Army. I have supported the Christian Crusade in the past but I'd never met Mr. Hargis."

TOM MOODY, MIAMI, FLA., book salesman:

"I came here for two reasons. My wife, who is with me, and I became interested in the anti-communist movement about six months ago. I want to hear the collection of speakers here that it would be impossible to contact elsewhere."

"Secondly, I'm making tape recordings of all the sessions for broadcasting over station WMI in

Miami. I'm making them at my own expense and they will be broadcast by an acquaintance of mine who has a program on the station. I got interested in this through Dr. Fred Schwarz and his Christian Anti-Communist Crusade."

MRS. E. H. HAWORTH, 1403 E. 31st St., housewife:

"Until about one year ago I was not aware of any threat to our nation. Now I need more information to help others become aware of it. I think we should first dedicate our lives to God and be good Christians and devoted to our country to preserve freedom."

C. J. MENNING, CORSICA, S. D., retired oilman:

"I have promoted speaking engagements by Billy James Hargis in my community and have

supported the Christian Crusade. I believe that if Americans aren't awakened soon to the danger of communism that they stand to lose everything. I retired about four months ago and I have time to devote to this."

GARY M. LASS, 20, JOPLIN, Mo., freshman at Ozark Bible College:

"I'm interested in fighting communism. I first got interested in it through pamphlets and friends at the Christian Church I used to attend when I lived in San Jose, Calif."

THE REV. R. E. WRIGHT, minister of Corinth Baptist Church, Midland, Tex.:

"I came to distribute information about communist writings in our Texas textbooks. I'm also supplying information to a Texas

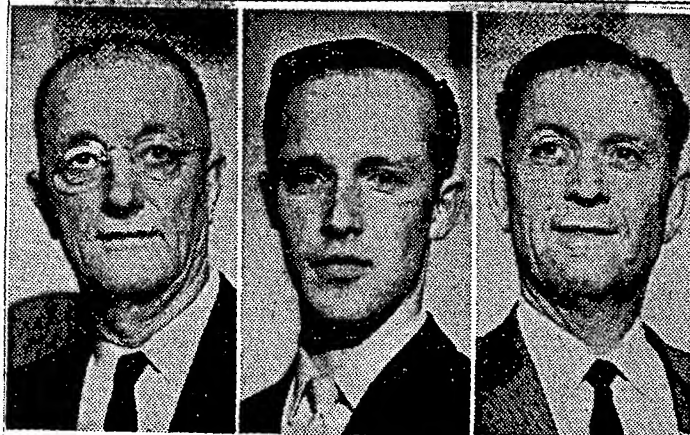
legislative investigative committee concerned with textbooks in our state."

"I don't belong to the John Birch Society or any other group, but I don't believe in persecuting them either. I think the Birch Society is doing a good job. I'm here as an interested Christian minister."

(Mr. Wright had distributed more than 500 information sheets published by himself entitled "Texans, What Do You Have in Your High School Library?" It listed numerous books containing what he alleged was either obscene or communist writing, including "The Diary of Anne Frank," "Andersonville," "The Red Badge of Courage," "An American Tragedy," "Grapes of Wrath," "Elmer Gantry" and "Sense and Sensibility.")



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Hargis School Shows Gross Of \$10,000

The anti-Communist leadership school sponsored here last week by Christian Crusade grossed an estimated \$10,000, according to unofficial financial figures.

The school probably broke even financially or showed a small profit after expenses of 14 speakers from throughout the nation were paid, costs of a large meeting room and several smaller rooms in the Mayo Hotel were met, and Municipal Theater rent for two nights was deducted.

Evangelist Billy James Hargis, Christian Crusade director, said the school was a success and that his organization would sponsor another one here next year.

THE AMOUNT OF BOOKS, pamphlets, miscellaneous items, and tape recordings sold at the school indicated those attending took considerable anti-Communist information home with them for mass distribution in the many states represented at the school.

No official financial figures were released. But Christian Crusade did announce the number of books, pamphlets, and tape recordings sold. By applying the announced cost of those items to the amount of sales, and applying admission fees to announced attendance figures, the following breakdown results:

Two public rallies at Municipal Theater drew a total attendance of 2,777 persons who paid \$1

each, or \$2,777. (Rent was \$85 each night for the two rallies.)

The 189 persons who registered for the five-day school paid a tuition of \$100, or \$1,890. Several others paid \$25 to attend single sessions.

Fourteen speeches made at the school were tape-recorded and these sold for \$100 for all 14, or \$10 per speech. There were 21 sets of 14 speeches sold for a total of \$2,100.

There were 26 recordings of individual speeches sold for a total of \$260. (Nine persons recorded all speeches were their own equipment.)

There were 382 hard-cover books written by Hargis and other speakers sold at an average cost of \$5 each, or a total of \$1,910.

THERE WERE 250 SETS OF pamphlets sold, ranging in price from \$1 for 25 pamphlets to \$10 for 500 pamphlets. These sales grossed an estimated \$800.

There were 1,600 pamphlets sold singly for an average price of 35 cents each, or a total of \$560.

Also on sale were long-playing albums of anti-Communist speeches by Hargis, \$5 for stereo, \$4 for high-fidelity; auto bumper stickers stating "For Christ, Against Communism", 25 cents each; sheets of 100 seals of Christian Crusade, 25 cents per sheet; and framed, autographed photos of Hargis, \$6.50 each.

These miscellaneous items were on sale at the hotel and at a store operated near Fourth and Main Streets by Christian Crusade during the week of the school. A conserving estimate of their sales would be \$250 to boost the total gross for the school well over the \$10,000 mark.

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE;
Reverend BILLY JAMES HARGIS

The "Los Angeles Times" newspaper, February 14, 1962, contains an item entitled "Prosecution of Reds Urged by Evangelist." This item is set forth verbatim as follows:

"The Rev. Billy James Hargis, Oklahoma radio evangelist and leader of the Christian Crusade, an anti-Communist movement, demanded Tuesday that Atty. Gen. Kennedy enforce the Supreme Court ruling requiring registration of Communist Party members.

"I am greatly concerned over the fact that the attorney general has not enforced the law of the land regarding individual Communists," Hargis said in a press conference at the Biltmore.

"He said he is asking leaders of various right-wing organizations to promote 'a massive letter-writing campaign' aimed at pressuring Kennedy to act.

"Communist Party leaders defied the government's request that members register by last Dec. 20 or face prosecution.

"Hargis, here for a two-week speaking tour of the Southland, heads what he called the nation's largest anti-Communist organization. He said the Christian Crusade, headquartered in Tulsa, receives contributions from about 500,000 followers.

"The first meeting of a nationwide League of Right-Wing Organizations will be held March 20 in Washington to co-ordinate support of 'conservative' legislation, Hargis told newsmen.

"He said Rep. John Rousselot (R-25th Dist.), a member of the John Birch Society, is helping form the league, which he described as a loose-knit coalition of perhaps 1,700 different anti-Communist groups."

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "CHRISTIAN CRUSADE." Also enclosed is a copy of the article from the "Los Angeles Times" referred to therein.

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Counterspy For FBI Sets Talk in Tulsa

Matt Cvetic, who successfully infiltrated the American Communist party for nine years as a counterspy for the FBI, will be a featured speaker at one of the public "Survival, USA" rallies to be held in Tulsa Jan. 29-Feb. 2, under auspices of Christian Crusade, anti-Communist organization of Tulsa evangelist Billy James Hargis.

Cvetic will team with Benjamin Gitlow, former head of the Communist party in America, before a public meeting Feb. 1, at Tulsa Municipal Theater.

Both Cvetic and Gitlow will be in Tulsa as members of the "faculty" of Christian Crusade's National Anti-Communist Leadership School, being held at the Mayo Hotel. Approximately 200 leaders from communities all over the country are scheduled to meet for a five-day school during the same week.

Cvetic, whose life as a counterspy is probably familiar to most Americans because it has been featured in a magazine serial, "I Was A Communist for the FBI," as well as on radio and television, is also the author of "The Big Decision," now in its 12th printing. Another factual book based on his experiences as a counterspy, "Escape to Nowhere" is now in preparation.

Ticket headquarters for the rallies have been opened at 406 S. Main St.; and complete information about the rallies as well as the anti-Communist leadership school may be obtained by calling LU 2-2278, Hargis said.

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On 2/8/62, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] street,
El Paso, voluntarily furnished the following information to
SA [REDACTED] of this office.

[REDACTED] requested that his identity be kept
confidential.

[REDACTED] related that from 1/28/62, until
Saturday morning, 2/3/62, he attended a convention of an
organization called "Anti-Communist Christian Crusade,"
which was held in the Pompeian Room of the Mayo Hotel at
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] explained that he had
to attend this convention [REDACTED]

He stated that he did take approximately [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that he understands that this [REDACTED] will
probably be used on the CHET HUNTLEY Report television
program in the near future.

With reference to the mentioned convention, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following additional information:

The members of the convention, which totaled
176, were from various parts of the United States, and at
least one member was from Canada. The convention was called
by a Dr. BILLIE JAMES HARGIS, who presided over the meetings

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of the convention. As far as [REDACTED] could determine, the members of the convention consisted of ministers of the Pentecostal Church, students, John Birch Society members and extremists of the so-called "right wing." The theme of the convention apparently was the dangers of communism and the dangers of communist infiltration in the American way of life. [REDACTED] remembered that the following individuals were speakers at the convention:

BENJAMIN GITLOW, a former communist.

BARBARA HARTLE, a former communist from the State of Washington.

EDWARD HUNTER, from Arlington, Virginia.

A General CAMPBELL, retired U. S. Army officer and former financial aide to General MAC ARTHUR.

General WILLOUGHBY, former aide to General MAC ARTHUR.

EDDIE RICKENBACKER, [REDACTED]

Congressman ROUSSELEAU, from Los Angeles.

Congressman SHERRER, a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

A man by the last name of PITMAN, a racist from Georgia.

A man by the last name of LOWMAN, publisher of the "Circuit Riders," Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. R. P. OLIVER, professor at the University of Illinois, and a member of the John Birch Society.

Also in attendance at the convention was a man by the last name of RUTLEDGE, who is a member of the "White Citizens Council" of Louisiana.